

Congresswoman McCollum's leadership comes at a critical time for nonprofits across the country. At a time when state and local budgets are being squeezed, museums and other nonprofits are working hard every day to meet increased community needs. Congresswoman McCollum's bill will strengthen the nonprofit community and provide much-needed research and support for our nation's nonprofits. The American Association of Museums is proud to endorse the bill and urges its swift passage.

--Ford W. Bell, President of the American Association of Museums

In Colorado, nonprofits are the heart of the community and employ one out of every 18 Coloradans. By working together and efficiently combining their resources, government and nonprofits can more effectively solve community problems. We do this in Colorado. This bill will improve the federal-nonprofit partnership.

--Renny Fagan, President and CEO of the Colorado Nonprofit Association

Since before our nation's founding, government and nonprofits have collaborated to address our country's social ills and advance the common good. Currently, federal agencies partner with our sector in isolated, fractured ways. To be even more effective, nonprofits need to be able to utilize government resources much in the way business does.

--Diana Aviv, President and CEO of the Independent Sector

Nonprofits improve Louisiana communities and residents' lives, so it's important that our sector partner effectively with government. Many government services are devolving to community-based nonprofit organizations, and local nonprofits are uniquely suited to respond. This bill would streamline federal policies relative to nonprofits, provide stronger research and a more effective voice to communicate our sector's needs.

--Ann Silverberg Williamson, President & CEO of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations

The *Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act* would strengthen America's communities by molding a stronger partnership between the federal government and nonprofit organizations. The nonprofit sector is a major employer and economic engine in communities across the country. In Michigan, nonprofits employ one in 10 workers and generate more than \$108 billion each year in overall economic activity. This legislation will begin to establish federal mechanisms for nonprofits to be at the policy table and give real data to decision making.

--Kyle Caldwell, President and CEO of the Michigan Nonprofit Association

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--Jon Pratt, Executive Director of Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

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--Brian Magee, Executive Director of the Montana Nonprofit Association

This landmark legislation removes the cloak of invisibility that the federal government seems to have draped over the nonprofit sector. For too long, government has ignored the third sector - the nonprofit sector that employs 10 percent of America's workforce and often is a key, but unrecognized, partner in delivering government services. This bill opens the door for needed dialogue among nonprofits, government agencies, and the American public. *--Tim Delaney, President & CEO of the National Council of Nonprofits*

The *Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act* is a strong step in the right direction. Developing a national venue to shed light on the relevance of the nonprofit sector and open up avenues for partnership between all sectors is long over due. In New Hampshire the nonprofit sector employs 1 out of 8 workers. Our state government depends heavily upon a network of nonprofits in every town and city to ensure there is a safety net, the needs of families are met, natural resources are protected and art and cultural hubs are kept alive to engage the community and drive tourism. *-- Mary Ellen Jackson, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits*

In North Dakota, nonprofits play a vital role in our communities. It is essential that nonprofits are recognized as an indispensable partner with government in delivering services and strengthening communities. This Act will help advance the nonprofit-government partnership. *--Dana Schaar, North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations (NDANO)*

In Pennsylvania, nonprofits are the heart of the community. We are too important to be invisible. For too long, government has ignored the nonprofit sector, which employs 10 percent of America's workforce and is often an unrecognized partner in delivering government services. *--Joe Geiger, Executive Director of Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofits (PANO)*